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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a Publick Fast.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS several Parts beyond the Seas continue to be grievously afflicted with the Plague; we being deeply sensible of the unspeakable Miseries our Subjects would suffer if our Dominions should be visited with so fatal a Calamity; and putting our Confidence in Almighty God (who out of His infinite Goodness and Mercy has often preserved these Nations from imminent Destruction) that upon our Humiliation and Repentance, He will not cease to be Gracious, but will vouchsafe His Blessing to us and our People, by averting so severe a Judgment; have resolved, by the Advice of our Privy-Council, That a general and publick Fast be observed, that both we and our Subjects may humble ourselves before Almighty God, and may, in a most Devout and Solemn Manner, send up our Prayers to the Divine Majesty, to implore His Protection and Blessing, to avert all those Judgments which our manifold Sins have deserved, and to continue His Mercies, and to perpetuate the Enjoyment of the Protestant Religion among us, and Safety and Prosperity to our Kingdoms and Dominions: We have therefore thought fit, by the Advice of our Privy-Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, that such General and publick Fast be observed throughout that Part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Friday the Eighth Day of December next. And for the better and more orderly Solemnizing the same, we have given Directions to the Archbishops, and the Bishops of England, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of publick Worship, and to take Care the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses. And we do strictly charge and command, that the said publick Fast be religiously observed by all our loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of suffering such Punishment as we may justly inflict upon all such as shall contemn or neglect the Performance of so Religious and Necessary a Duty.

Given at our Court at St. *James*'s, the Twenty third Day of *October*, 1721, in the Eighth Year of our Reign.

God save the KING.

Paris, Nov. 1. On the 29th past the Duke d'Ossuna arrived here in the Quality of Ambassadour Extraordinary from the King of Spain, and has since had a private Audience of the King and the Duke Regent. The Departure of Madamoiselle de Montpensier remains fixed to the 15th Instant; the Ladies who are to accompany her to the Frontiers of Spain, and to receive the Infanta there, having Orders to be ready to set out that Day, viz. Madamoiselle de Ventadour, the Princess of Soubize, and the Countess of Chiverny, Madamoiselle de Vicquefort and de Lande, and four Women of the Infanta's Bed-Chamber. The two Princesses are to meet in the Island where formerly the Pyrenean Peace was concluded, and every thing relating to the Ceremonial has been regulated here. None of the Spanish Ladies will come hither with the Infanta, except one of her Nurses, who in a short time is to go back to Madrid. A Company of Merchants of St. Malo, advances 1500000 Livres towards the Expences of the Infanta's and Madamoiselle de Montpensier's Journies. On the 28th past the Duke Regent was taken ill, but his Royal Highness is since very well recovered. The Duke d'Aumont is on the mending Hand; but M. de Memes, First President of the Parliament, is very ill at his Country Seat.

Whereas by a late Act of Parliament the Estates of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company, and others, are vested in Trustees for the Uses and Purposes in the said Act mentioned, the said Trustees, in order that Persons concerned may avoid the Penalty contained in the said Act, think fit to give this further Notice to the respective Tenants of the said late Directors, and others therein expressed, that in the said Act it is provided, That all and every Person and Persons, who as immediate Tenants, or Occupiers, under or for the said late Sub Governour, Deputy-Governour, Directors, Cashire, Deputy-Cashire, and Accomptant, or under the said John Aislabie, and James Craggs, or any of them, now are, or at any Time before the said 25th Day of December, 1721, shall be in Possession of any the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, thereby vested or intended to be vested in the said Trustees, shall, on or before the said 25th Day of December, 1721, give or cause to be given Notice thereof to the said Trustees in Writing, to be given or left at their said Publick Office, upon Pain of Forfeiting to the said Trustees, for the Uses and Purposes in the said Act expressed, three Years Value of the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be concealed for Want of such Notice so given as aforesaid. The said Trustees do hereby give this further Notice, That their Publick Office is kept at the South-Sea House in Broad-street, London; where the respective Tenants may enter their Notices as aforesaid.

T. Marten, *Secr.*

The Governour and Court of Directors of the Royal Academy of Musick do hereby give Notice, That they have ordered a further Call of Five per Cent. which is the seventh Call payable on or before the 8th of November next: All Persons concerned are hereby required to pay the same accordingly. Attendance will be given for the Receipt thereof at their Office in the Hay-Market, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, being the 6th, 7th, and 8th Days of November next. N. B. That Attendance will be given at the same Time for the Receipt of the sixth Call of Four per Cent.

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